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- (b) at least one operating unit carried on the frame for performing a turf maintenance operation;
  - (c) a traction system for propelling the frame; and
- (d) a drive system carried on the frame for powering the traction system, the drive system including:
- (i) an internal combustion engine that powers the traction system at least partially during a first mode of operation;
- (ii) a battery power source that powers the traction system entirely during a second all battery mode of operation; and
- (iii) a switch for selecting between the first and second modes of operation.
- 25. A machine as recited in claim 24, wherein the switch is selectively actuable by an operator of the machine.--

## Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment conforms the claims in this continuation application to the state they were in when the Examiner acted upon the claims in the parent application in the first Office Action dated July 8, 1999.

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